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NRCS Continues Its Call for Proposals Process for WHIP in 2009

Lakewood, Colorado – The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently announced that in fiscal year 2009, Colorado will again use a Call for Proposals format to deliver funding to the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). The focus of funding will be on larger scale habitat developments that achieve the WHIP program goal of enhancing and protecting habitats for wildlife species experiencing significant population declines.

Written proposals will be accepted from wildlife agencies and organizations, agricultural and environmental organizations, conservation districts, and other appropriate organizations. These proposals must address specific project areas that will target specific habitats and wildlife species.

“Once a proposal is selected for funding, a set of ranking criteria specific to that proposal will be developed to rank the individual applications,” said Tim Carney, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, Lakewood, Colorado.

Proposals that leverage in-kind and/or financial resources to address WHIP priorities will receive higher consideration for funding. By combining efforts with others, NRCS expects to have a more synergistic effect on wildlife habitat development.

All proposals **MUST** be reviewed and signed by the NRCS District Conservationist, Colorado Department of Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife-Partners for Wildlife, or Private Land Biologist before being submitted to the NRCS State Office for funding consideration. For detailed eligibility, criteria, and submittal information, go to the [WHIP Program page](#).

Proposals can be submitted in either electronic or hard copy format and are due at the NRCS State Office by close of business **Monday, November 3, 2008**. Electronic proposal submissions are strongly encouraged and can be sent to colakewood.nrcsprogram@co.usda.gov.

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Those interested in submitting a written proposal should send it to **USDA NRCS, c/o Tim Carney, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, 655 Parfet Street, RM E200C, Lakewood, CO 80215.**

WHIP is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land. Through WHIP, NRCS provides both technical assistance and a payment rate for a participant to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Tim Carney at 720-544-2805 or email him at tim.carney@co.usda.gov.

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